

I was shocked today when I heard an NPR story about Sinclair Broadcasting's plans to air the film, Stolen Honor, on it's affiliate stations next week. That Sinclair is airing an obviously partisan film (I heard audio excerpts), without rebuttal -- preempting regular programming -- two weeks before an election confirms my worse fears about the corrosive effect of media consolidation on our democracy.

I urge you to step in and stop Sinclair from abusing its broadcasting privileges. The airwaves are a public trust, and it is the F.C.C.'s job to see that they are used responsibly.

Incidentally, I believe it would be equally reprehensible for a media conglomerate to order its stations to broadcast, say, a partisan Michael Moore documentary two weeks before an election. These kinds of "documentaries" are political advocacy, not journalism, and rules of equal-time and fairness ought to apply.

Thank you for considering my comments.